progress. Rajahmundry Airport—Strengthening of runway and construction of apron have been completed. Vijayawada Airports-Strengthening of runway, construction of apron, taxi-track and shoulders etc. have been completed. Vishakhapatnam Airport—Construction of new runway, apron, taxi track, isolation bay including shoulders construction of new naval apron, peripheral road and strengthening of existing runway are in progress.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Modernization of communication system

1667. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for the modernisation of telecommunication system in Civil Aviation Department so far;

(b) the investment made thereon; and

(c) the fund earmarked therefor during the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Details of systems provided during the last five years for modernization of telecommunication system in Civil Aviation are as under:

22 High Frequency High Power Transmitters with data link capability for Air to Ground communication and 11 Remote controlled Air to Ground Very High Frequency (VHF) communication through VSAT link at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Trivandrum; 535 VHF Frequency Modulation Sets and 13 Automatic Message Switching System at various airports; 4 Digital airport terminal information service at Mumbai, Bhubaneshwar, Nagpur and Ahmedabad; 6 EPABX at Agra, Srinagar, Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Patna and Central Headquarters, Delhi; 75 High Frequency Receivers at Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi, Chennai, Trivandrum and Civil Aviation Training College, Allahabad; 2 Voice Controlled Communication System at Chennai and Kolkata; 30 Digital Voice Tape Recorders at various Aeronautical Communication Stations.

(b) Rs. 23.72 crores.

(c) Rs. 97.00 crores.